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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2008–2009 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State accountability standards of Maine's *Learning Results*. The *Learning Results* contain goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and include the accountability standards that are assessed for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2008-2009 MEA Summary Reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades and science at grades 5 and 8 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. More information about the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the assessments.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education



School Report Grade 4

Test Date: March 2009
Code: 11251333
SAU: Otis School Department
School: Beech Hill School

Contents of the Report

The report is divided into two main sections including a section describing the students tested and a separate section for the results in each content area.

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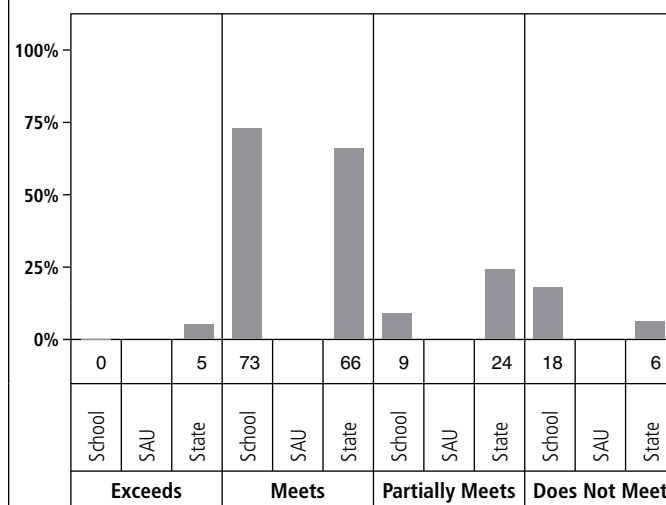
SUMMARY OF SCORES

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 4
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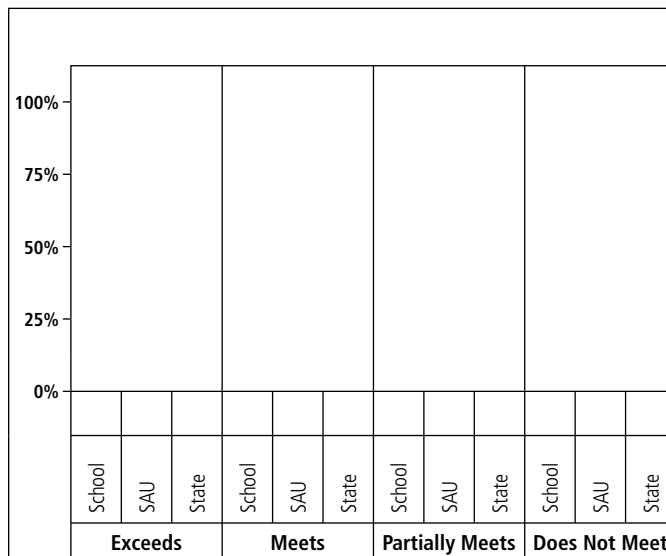
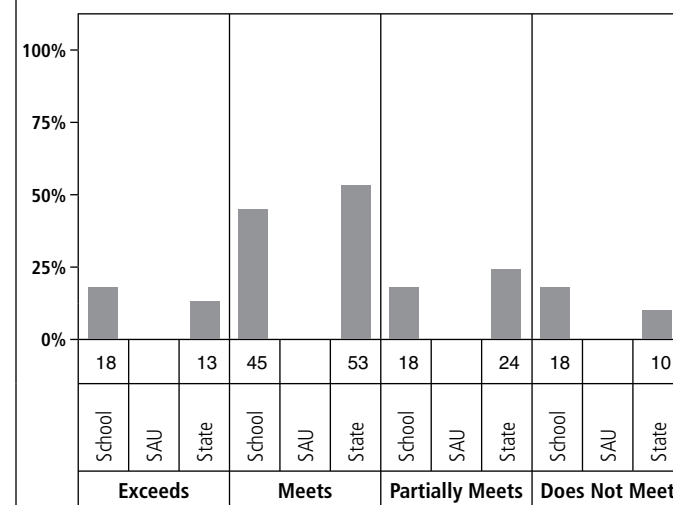
Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	445 443 439 442	443	445 445 446 445
Mathematics 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	442 451 445 445	442	445 445 446 445

ELA – READING



MATHEMATICS



*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 4
SAU: Otis School Department
School: Beech Hill School

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION ²																	
							ELA-Reading						Mathematics											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	12	100	3	100	13805	100	11	100	3	100	13737	100	11	100	3	100	13746	100						
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0	0	0	419	3	0	0	0	0	410	98	0	0	0	0	416	99						
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	125	1	0	0	0	0	124	99	0	0	0	0	124	99						
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	229	2	0	0	0	0	223	97	0	0	0	0	227	99						
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	148	99	0	0	0	0	148	99						
Caucasian/White	12	100	3	100	12883	93	11	100	3	100	12832	100	11	100	3	100	12831	100						
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Identified disability	1	8	0	0	2383	17	0	0	0	0	2366	100	0	0	0	0	2364	99						
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	377	3	0	0	0	0	362	96	0	0	0	0	373	99						
Economically disadvantaged	7	58	1	33	5819	42	6	100	1	100	5782	99	6	100	1	100	5788	100						
Migrant	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	100	0	0	0	0	6	100						

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading						Mathematics											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	11	92	3	100	10439	76	11	92	3	100	10471	76						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	351	3	0	0	0	0	367	4						
LEP	0	0	0	0	171	2	0	0	0	0	172	2						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	90	1						
Participation with accommodations	0	0	0	0	3142	23	0	0	0	0	3138	23						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	1860	59	0	0	0	0	1860	59						
LEP	0	0	0	0	186	6	0	0	0	0	198	6						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	71	2	0	0	0	0	73	2						
Other	0	0	0	0	1060	34	0	0	0	0	1043	33						
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0	0	0	155	1	0	0	0	0	137	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	155	100	0	0	0	0	137	100						
LEP	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	2						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0	0	0	1	0												
Approved non-participation – special consideration	1	8	0	0	11	0	1	8	0	0	11	0						
Non-participation – other	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	48	0						

¹Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

²Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

³Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 4
SAU: Otis School Department
School: Beech Hill School

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 462–480)	2006-2007	0	0	0	0	507	4
	2007-2008	0	0			559	4
	2008-2009	0	0			672	5
	Cum. Total*	0	0			1738	4
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 442–460)	2006-2007	9	69	6	86	8749	63
	2007-2008	6	67			8308	59
	2008-2009	8	73			8917	66
	Cum. Total*	23	70			25974	63
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (Scaled Score 432–440)	2006-2007	4	31	0	0	3467	25
	2007-2008	2	22			3922	28
	2008-2009	1	9			3241	24
	Cum. Total*	7	21			10630	26
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (Scaled Score 400–430)	2006-2007	0	0	1	14	1165	8
	2007-2008	1	11			1264	9
	2008-2009	2	18			751	6
	Cum. Total*	3	9			3180	8

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reading Total Points	48	100	27.3	56.9	25.7	53.5	31.6	65.8
A1/A2 Interconnected Elements/Literary Text	24	50	13.1	54.6	11.7	48.8	16.1	67.1
A1/A3 Interconnected Elements/Informational Text	24	50	14.2	59.2	14.0	58.3	15.5	64.6

The MEA assesses students’ reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Reading passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. MEA reading items measure the English Language Arts accountability content standard A, Reading, contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at:
<http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.



ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2009
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 School: Beech Hill School

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU					State						
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						13581	5	66	24	6	446
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						408	2	51	31	16	441
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						122	1	59	34	6	444
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						221	9	62	22	7	447
Hispanic	0										0						146	1	64	28	6	445
Caucasian/White	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						12684	5	66	24	5	446
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	0										0						2211	1	39	42	18	439
No	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						11370	6	71	20	3	448
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						357	3	42	36	19	440
No	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						13224	5	66	24	5	446
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	6	0	0	4	67	0	0	2	33	434	1						5677	2	57	32	9	443
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	446	2						7904	7	72	18	3	448
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						6	0	67	33	0	445
No	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						13575	5	66	24	6	446
Gender																						
Female	4										1						6580	7	68	21	5	448
Male	7	0	0	4	57	1	14	2	29	435	2						7001	3	64	27	6	445
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						2127	1	48	42	9	441
No	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						11454	6	69	20	5	447
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						324	27	72	1	0	458
No	11	0	0	8	73	1	9	2	18	439	3						13257	4	65	24	6	446

E = Exceeds the Standards M = Meets the Standards P = Partially Meets the Standards D = Does Not Meet the Standards

NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. N = Number

ELA-READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 4
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										0						4	2	45	36	17	441
B. less than one hour	91	0	0	7	70	1	10	2	20	439	67	0	50	0	50	432	75	5	67	23	4	447
C. one to two hours	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	446	33	0	100	0	0	446	18	5	67	23	5	447
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	3	45	36	16	442
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good	36	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	446	0						40	8	71	17	4	449
B. good	27	0	0	2	67	0	0	1	33	437	67	0	100	0	0	449	45	3	66	25	5	446
C. fair	27	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	432	33	0	0	0	100	412	13	1	54	35	10	442
D. poor	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	444	0						2	0	39	42	19	439
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	0										0						31	8	69	19	4	448
B. They match some of what I have learned.	55	0	0	5	83	0	0	1	17	439	33	0	100	0	0	446	53	4	68	23	4	447
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	45	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	440	67	0	50	0	50	432	11	2	54	35	10	442
D. There is no match.	0										0						4	1	39	40	20	439
How hard was the reading part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	27	0	0	1	33	0	0	2	67	423	33	0	0	0	100	412	19	4	54	31	11	443
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	64	0	0	6	86	1	14	0	0	445	67	0	100	0	0	449	63	6	69	22	4	447
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	446	0						18	4	68	23	5	446
How hard were the reading passages on this test?																						
A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read.	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	412	33	0	0	0	100	412	13	0	39	43	17	439
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	36	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	437	33	0	100	0	0	452	52	4	69	24	4	446
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	55	0	0	6	100	0	0	0	0	445	33	0	100	0	0	446	35	9	72	16	3	449
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																						
A. more than one hour	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	412	33	0	0	0	100	412	21	8	68	19	5	448
B. 20 minutes to an hour	64	0	0	6	86	0	0	1	14	441	67	0	100	0	0	449	55	5	70	21	4	447
C. less than 20 minutes	18	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	445	0						13	2	57	33	8	443
D. I rarely read at home.	9	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	440	0						11	1	51	37	11	442
How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?																						
A. five or fewer pages	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	444	0						25	3	59	30	8	444
B. six to ten pages	36	0	0	1	25	1	25	2	50	428	33	0	0	0	100	412	24	4	64	26	6	445
C. eleven or more pages	55	0	0	6	100	0	0	0	0	446	67	0	100	0	0	449	51	7	70	20	4	448
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 4
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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (Scaled Score 462–480)	2006-2007	1	8	0	0	1054	8
	2007-2008	1	11			1321	9
	2008-2009	2	18			1712	13
	Cum. Total*	4	12			4087	10
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student’s work may contain minor errors. (Scaled Score 442–460)	2006-2007	5	38	4	57	7394	53
	2007-2008	7	78			7079	51
	2008-2009	5	45			7270	53
	Cum. Total*	17	52			21743	52
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (Scaled Score 430–440)	2006-2007	6	46	3	43	3729	27
	2007-2008	1	11			3955	28
	2008-2009	2	18			3219	24
	Cum. Total*	9	27			10903	26
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (Scaled Score 400–428)	2006-2007	1	8	0	0	1735	12
	2007-2008	0	0			1642	12
	2008-2009	2	18			1408	10
	Cum. Total*	3	9			4785	12

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Mathematics Total Points	48	100	30.2	62.9	30.7	64.0	30.8	64.2
A. Number	20	42	13.1	65.5	13.0	65.0	12.5	62.5
B. Data	8	17	4.6	57.5	4.7	58.8	5.3	66.3
C. Geometry	10	21	6.4	64.0	6.7	67.0	6.5	65.0
D. Algebra	10	21	6.1	61.0	6.3	63.0	6.5	65.0

The MEA assesses students’ mathematics knowledge based on questions that measure the mathematics accountability content standards contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

Content Standard A, Number, includes Whole Number, Rational Number, and Real Number.

Content Standard B, Data, includes Measurement and Approximation, Data Analysis, and Probability.

Content Standard C, Geometry, includes Geometric Figures, Geometric Measurement, and Transformations.

Content Standard D, Algebra, includes Symbols and Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, and Functions and Relations.

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						13609	13	53	24	10	446
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						415	5	41	30	24	439
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						123	12	46	28	13	445
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						225	22	45	20	12	448
Hispanic	0										0						147	3	58	30	10	443
Caucasian/White	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						12699	13	54	23	10	447
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	0										0						2227	3	34	33	30	437
No	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						11382	14	57	22	7	448
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						370	7	35	31	27	439
No	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						13239	13	54	23	10	447
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	6	0	0	2	33	2	33	2	33	434	1						5704	6	48	30	16	442
No	5	2	40	3	60	0	0	0	0	458	2						7905	18	57	19	6	450
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						6	17	33	50	0	448
No	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						13603	13	53	24	10	446
Gender																						
Female	4										1						6591	12	54	24	11	446
Male	7	1	14	4	57	0	0	2	29	444	2						7018	13	53	24	10	447
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						2131	3	41	38	18	440
No	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						11478	14	56	21	9	448
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						324	64	34	2	0	464
No	11	2	18	5	45	2	18	2	18	445	3						13285	11	54	24	11	446

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										0						4	4	37	30	28	438
B. less than one hour	91	2	20	4	40	2	20	2	20	445	67	50	0	0	50	445	75	13	55	23	9	447
C. one to two hours	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	450	33	0	100	0	0	450	18	12	54	24	10	446
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	7	39	29	25	440
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	27	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	439	33	0	0	0	100	426	37	22	56	16	7	451
B. good	73	2	25	4	50	1	13	1	13	447	67	50	50	0	0	457	45	9	56	25	9	446
C. fair	0										0						14	3	46	34	17	440
D. poor	0										0						3	2	33	35	29	436
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	27	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	448	0						35	19	56	19	7	450
B. They match some of what I have learned.	73	2	25	3	38	1	13	2	25	444	100	33	33	0	33	447	51	11	56	25	8	446
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	0										0						10	5	43	31	21	440
D. There is no match.	0										0						4	3	26	33	37	434
How hard was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	400	0						17	5	44	31	20	441
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	82	2	22	4	44	2	22	1	11	449	100	33	33	0	33	447	62	13	57	23	7	448
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	9	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	454	0						21	18	53	19	10	449
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?																						
A. less than 30 minutes	0										0						7	6	36	32	27	438
B. 30–45 minutes	9	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	436	0						25	7	52	28	12	444
C. 45–60 minutes	0										0						38	14	56	22	8	448
D. more than 60 minutes	91	2	20	5	50	1	10	2	20	446	100	33	33	0	33	447	30	18	56	19	7	449
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	0										0						3	4	36	31	28	438
B. two or three days a week	0										0						12	13	51	26	10	446
C. two or three times each month	27	1	33	1	33	0	0	1	33	438	67	50	50	0	0	457	32	15	58	20	7	449
D. never or almost never	73	1	13	4	50	2	25	1	13	448	33	0	0	0	100	426	53	11	53	25	11	446
How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	27	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	448	0						26	12	50	25	13	445
B. two or three days a week	45	0	0	2	40	1	20	2	40	433	67	0	50	0	50	438	32	14	57	21	7	448
C. two or three times each month	27	2	67	1	33	0	0	0	0	462	33	100	0	0	0	464	26	13	56	22	8	448
D. never or almost never	0										0						17	9	50	27	13	444
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											